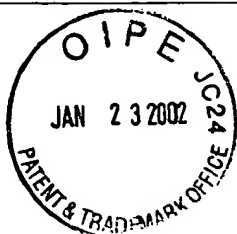


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In re application of:
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Application No. 09/297,406

Filed: April 29, 1999

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.



Please charge the required fees that are missing required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3964 Order No. (60162-300501).

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2000, please enter the following amendments to the claims and consider the remarks that follow.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please deleted the paragraph at page, 1, line 15.

SUBSTITUTED CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claims in the application, a marked up version is included after the remarks.

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